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This Week at EPA

....Keeping You in the Loop

happening this week

Deadline for R8 Internal Awards nominations (5/31/16). [Click here](#) for awards categories, criteria and the nomination form.

Region 8 will host a public hearing on proposed revisions to the Regional Haze Rule (6/1/16). This hearing will be held at 1595 Wykoop from 9 am – 5 pm. While we don't expect a large turn-out, please be aware of visitors and ensure they aren't taking the elevator beyond the second floor unless escorted by an EPA employee. Also note that environmental or industry groups may set up tables in the Atrium to share information with their stakeholders. If you have any concerns about security that day, call 312-6886 and press option 1.

LGBT Pride Month Presentation: Parents of Transgender Youth (6/2/16). Please join us from Noon to 1:00 pm in the conference center to hear Karen Axe, Founder of Trans-Youth Education and Support (TYES) speak to us about her experience raising a transgender daughter. TYES of Colorado's mission is to "empower and support families and caregivers of gender expansive youth by providing resources, education, outreach, and advocacy, in order to create supportive environments that allow youth to experience the joy of authenticity." A rainbow of snacks will be provided. [Click here](#) for more details.

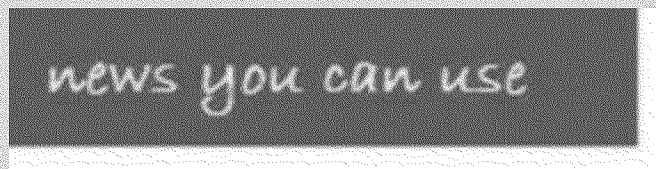
Kelcey Land is retiring. On 6/2/16 from 4-7 pm there will be beverages, appetizers and cake at the Janik's loft in LoDo (1628 14th Street, Unit 4B). RSVP to Aaron Urdiales at 312-6844. Contact Sharon Abendschan at 312-6957 about cards/gifts.



Save the date for a Fireside Chat with the Acting Deputy Administrator, Stan Meiburg. The chat will be on Monday, June 13, 2016 from 1:30-2:30 PM in the conference center. This is a casual format where the moderator will ask Stan about progress on some of the agency's top priorities and hear about the agency's transition plans for the next administration. [Click here](#) if you would like to submit questions for Stan, deadline is COB Thursday, June 2. VTC will be setup for the Montana Office and the Lab. There will be no call-in number. Doors open at 1:15 pm.

Sign Up Now for FranklinCovey's Building Process Excellence training (6/14/16). Discover the 6 building blocks to approach improving a process through FranklinCovey's Leadership Modular Series. The FranklinCovey approach of: Identification, Task Listing, Mapping, Measurement, Evaluation, and finally Improvement is a practical means to tackle any process that you know you could make better. The training exercises are crafted for EPA and arranged to directly apply to individual systems at your desk or within your teams. You will learn to design a focus around your core work and apply improvements that maximize the value of a system you work in, while developing solutions for reducing non-value actions. Open to all Region 8 employees, please enroll on the [Talent Management System](#) by searching "Process Excellence", or call Nobe Hattori (312-6303) for registration help.

LGBT Pride Month Book Discussion (6/29/16). An inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all. Pick up a copy of *Becoming Nicole*, by Amy Ellis Nutt today and join us for a brownbag discussion from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the conference center. You are encouraged to bring your lunch. A rainbow of snacks will also be provided. [Click here](#) for more details.



EVS Update: As of May 31, Region 8 still leads with 67.6% participation. Go to the [Agency's EVS site](#) to see data on EPA's overall completion rates (updated as of May 31). Look for your email from EVEP@opm.gov to share your feedback and help Region 8 become a model workplace. Survey closes June 7th, [click here](#) for more details on the EVS.

Interested in post-secondary education? OPM has an arrangement with Central Michigan University that offers federal employees, their spouses and dependents reduced tuition rates. [Click here](#) for complete details.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING INTERNAL COMMUNICATION REQUESTS: *Requests for postings to the 8net, This Week at EPA, lobby monitor and voicemail broadcasts, must be submitted via a webform located on the [Internal Communications 8net page](#). If you have any questions, call Whitney Trulove at 312-6099.*